

# MHSBCA Board Meeting

February 28, 2010

Participants: Mark Rademacher, Tim McDonald, Scott Theisen, Dave Elliott, Mario Borrocci, Dan Cimini, John Donley, Brian Gordon, Dan Griesbaum, Chad Grundy, Chad Logan and Jim Leonardo. Guest: Mark Uyl

Absent: Glynn Conley, Dan Griesbaum, and Frank Sumbera.

Recorder of Minutes: Jim Leonardo

Meeting was brought to order at 10:04 by President Mark Rademacher at the MHSSA offices in East Lansing.

## I. Mark Uyl - MHSAA

A. Mark would like any feedback that we have or have heard about not having the normal rules meeting. Also, any feedback with the online rules meeting would be appreciated.

B. Mark also reminded us about the new bat rule which goes into effect in 2012. The BESR standard bats will be for this season and next and then everyone will need to purchase new bats. The new bats will be much more like wooden bats. The reason behind it is two-fold. The new bats will be safer and the Major Leagues would like to see college players use bats more like what the big leaguers use to get a better idea of who can really handle a wooden bat.

C. Mark talked to the board about a program that Michigan High School basketball is doing and wondered if there would be any interest in baseball doing something similar. It's called, "Reaching Higher," and it's put on by the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan. 100 of the top players in Michigan are selected to spend a day and listen to speakers about what it takes to succeed academically, athletically, and socially at the college level. Parents

of the athletes are also invited to come and spend the day. A portion of the day is also spent with the athletes doing drill work and playing in front of college coaches. Mark wanted to know if we would be interested in doing something like this maybe in 2011? Good discussion by the board.

## II. Secretary's Report - Jim Leonardo

Minutes from previous meeting were approved in January by the board. Minutes from this meeting should be given to board members by e-mail, checked over for any additions/deletions, then voted on and put on the website within two weeks.

## III. Treasurer's Report – Dave Elliott

Dave went over the updated budget. A little concern in that we are down about \$5,000 from a year ago at this time. The clinic costs and expenditures were actually down about \$4,600. so we spent less money on the clinic which was great, but the fact that we are down is a concern. Discussion was held on a variety of things that usually bring money into the association, some of which we have not received as of yet, but it will be coming in, so that is partially why we are down a bit. The membership is down also, which is another reason we have less revenue coming in. We will continue to monitor this and as a board really watch what we spend money on in the future.

## IV. President's Report – Mark Rademacher

A. Mark went to the Baseball/Softball committee meeting in January and the following was brought up to the board: bat changes for 2012, explanation of the next available date if the regionals is rained out. Sunday is now an option. If any team has a Saturday tournament and makes some time limit rules, they should notify the MHSAA just as a courtesy.

B. Mark also had some information for us from the Association President's meeting. A reminder for coaches to try and get certified in CAP. A discussion was held about the "Reaching

Higher” program that Mark Uyl talked to us about earlier. A new publication called Benchmarks is replacing Mentor and the MHSAA bulletin. They discussed concussion guidelines for athletes. A discussion was held on how to reduce local costs with athletics in mind. The State of Michigan is the running for hosting the National High School Athletic Coaches Association Convention in Grand Rapids, in June of 2011.

#### V. Membership: Chad Logan

No accurate numbers on membership as of yet, but we are definitely down. Chad will have exact numbers at the next meeting.

#### VI. Polls – John Donley

Everything is good to go. All four divisions have at least one representative. John will send out reminders to all reps in the next couple of weeks reminding them what their jobs are. If anyone has media contacts (newspapers, television channels) that we can get the rankings to, please send the information to John by e-mail.

#### VII. Newsletter/Youth Liason – Dan Cimini

Dan has given Chad G. some of the videos from the clinic to put on the website and Chad has some of them up and running already. Discussion was held on taping some of the clinic speakers for next year and selling the tapes for a small fee. Also discussion was held on taping the Hall of Fame speeches as well and maybe even the All-Star game. We will have to check on that to see if that is allowable.

#### VIII. Scholarships – Tim McDonald

Tim is starting to get some scholarship requests in. He reminded all of us to submit applications of deserving players because not many are taking advantage of this. Also, Tim reminded us to turn All-state academic information in as well.

## IX. Awards

Glynn was absent, but he did contact the plaque company and we are either going to get money refunded for the mistakes or they will put the money towards plaques for this coming year. Glynn will let us know in June.

## X. Website – Chad Grundy

Videos are up and running on the website. There is a link that everyone can go through to see the videos. Greg Jackson of Adrian sent Chad the information on prostate cancer and Chad has also put that on the website.

## XI. All-State/All Academic – Scott Theisen

A. Scott has had a lot of trouble getting a hold of our current certificate maker Chaser Apparel. Scott has found a new company. The gentleman who runs it works for Clintondale schools and his name is Bob Walmsley. Scott is going to try and get a hold of Chaser one more time to let them know we are changing companies. A motion was made to change our certificate maker over to Bob Walmsley due to cheaper prices, same quality, and easier to get in contact with. Brian Gordon made the motion, it was seconded by Mario. Motion passed.

B. Scott did not pass out district and regional packets this year at the clinic due to the fact that Scott had to get quite a few new district and regional reps. So there will be a larger cost as he will have to mail out the packets instead of handing them out. He will go back to handing them out next year at the clinic.

## XII. Hall of Fame – Brian Gordon

A. Brian has been working with a company called the Devilling Group. They have sent out over 600 letters to High School athletic departments around the state to request a donation toward the Hall of Fame exhibit at Comerica Park. The company will also get the word out to everyone by Twitter. The next step will be to contact all of the current Hall of Fame inductees to let them know about it

and to also request donations. The hope is that all High Schools who have Hall of Fame members and the current Hall of famers will contribute to this great cause. Brian also asked Chad G. if he could put a link on the website to follow up on this. Chad said he would. With both High Schools and Hall of Famers, over 900 people will be contacted.

B. Brian is also going to begin looking into putting a letter together to contact the Hall of Fame coaches to see if they would be willing to write a short bio about themselves and send in a picture that we can put on the website.

### XIII. – All-Star Game – Mario Borrocci

A. Mario received word from Comerica Park that the East/West All-Star game will be on Monday, June 21. That also means the banquet will be Sunday, June 20.

B. With the interest in helping with the prostate cancer awareness, the idea came up to look into getting jerseys for the all-star game in powder blue with white lettering and white jerseys with powder blue lettering. Mario will look into this.

C. Coaches for the East/West All-Star game:

#### East Coaching Staff

Bob Jones – Carlton Airport – Head Coach

Dan Ryder – Hazel Park

Craig Trychel – Temperance Bedford

Bob Radu – Allen Park

Mike Vasquez – Detroit Western International - Alternate

#### West Coaching Staff

Bob Foreback – Goodrich – Head Coach

Doug VanderPloeg – Hudsonville Unity Christian

Shaun Rupert – Leroy Pine River

Chad Logan – Fenton

Jim Caserta – Holland West Ottawa - Alternate

XIV. New business

A. Constitutional Refinements – Mark made some revisions with the constitution and we will discuss and vote on them in the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

Next meeting: June 18, 6:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Battle Creek.